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Network conferencing system and proceedings preparation method, and conference management server and proceedings preparation method

Abstract

The proceedings are prepared in a simple manner. A conference management server (11) has: a proceedings control section (44) for preparing time information indicating when presentation data is outputted to a projector device (15) while preparing time information indicating when material data generated by, for example, a scanner device, is outputted to the projector device (15), and for preparing conference management information relating to a conference; a data storage section (45) for storing the presentation data presented by the projector device (15), the time information indicating when the presentation data is presented, generated by the proceedings control section (44), the material data generated by the scanner device, the time information indicating when the material data is presented, and the conference management information; and a proceedings preparation section (49) for arranging the conference management information, the presentation data and the material data in accordance with the time information and thus preparing proceedings data.

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Claims

1. A network conferencing system in which an output electronic equipment for presenting the contents of presentation, a generating electronic equipment for generating the contents of presentation to be presented by the output electronic equipment, a plurality of attendant electronic equipments, and a conference management server connected with the output electronic equipment and the attendant electronic equipments so as to transmit and receive information to and from the output electronic equipment and the attendant electronic equipments, are connected via a communication network, each of the attendant electronic equipments having an information input/output function for inputting and outputting information from and to the other attendant electronic equipments and the output electronic equipment via the communication network, a presentation function for presenting the contents of presentation by using the output electronic equipment, a presentation contents browsing function for browsing the contents of presentation presented by the presentation function of the other attendant electronic equipments using the output electronic equipment, an authentication function for carrying out authentication of attendance of the other attendant electronic equipments at a conference, an equipment management function for managing the state of each electronic equipment connected to the communication network, a display function for displaying, as icons, the other attendant electronic equipments with their attendance authenticated by the authentication function and the electronic equipment managed by the equipment management function, and